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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number | 09/963,920 | | | |
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| Filing Date | September 26, 2001 | | | |
| First Named Inventor | Barany et al. | | | |
| Group Art Unit | 1639 | | | |
| Examiner Name | P. Ponnaluri | | | |
| Attorney Docket Number | 19603/3356 (CRF D- 1595F) | | | |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | a. | | Previously submitted | | | | | | | | | |
| | | i. | | onsider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on | | | | | | | | |
| | | ii. | □ co | onsider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | | | | | | | | |
| | | iii. | Ot | Other | | | | | | | | |
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| | | i. | ⊠ Aı | mendment/Reply iv. Submission of Formal Drawings | | | | | | | | |
| ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) v. v. v. | | | | | Petition for Two-month Extension of Time (\$450) | | | | | | | |
| iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) vi. I Terminal Disclaimer (\$130) | | | | | | | \$130) | | | | | |
| 2. | . Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | b. | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | F | ees | The RC | CE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F. | F.R. § 1.114 wl | hen tl | ne RCE is filed. | | | | | |
| | a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | i. | overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1138 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ı. ii. | RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | b. Check in the amount of \$1,370.00 enclosed c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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